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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 8, 2002 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request that the application be re-examined and reconsidered, as follows below.

In The Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 20 – page 3, line 15 with the following:

FIG. 1 displays the current process of acquiring online personal information (PI) 100. The end user first selects an information provider site in step 110. The end user proceeds to step 120 by locating and entering the Internet address of the selected information provider. This step may be accomplished in several manners with varying levels of complexity. A simple means for accomplishing this step is the utilization of a bookmark or favorite whereas locating an information provider for the first time might involve significant time and effort performing online searches. In step 130, the end users logs into the selected information provider's Web site utilizing the site's specific logon protocol. This protocol usually involves verifying the identity of the end user using a user name and password or other means of verification, acquiring the